

Marshfield Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2017
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The regular meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order at 6:50pm

Present

Jon Groveman, Bob Light, Melissa Seifert, Faeterri Silver, Ivan Shadis, Robin Schunk and Annie Reed

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed with the addition of a presentation from Annie

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting (February 2, 2017) were unanimously approved with a minor change; the St Cyr property should have been identified as the Burroughs property.

Open Issues

Annie addressed the Planning Commission to let them know that the conservation commission wishes to be kept apprised of what is being done on the town plan. They would like to do a broad landscape analysis to inventory delicate and sensitive areas, rare and natural communities and do a mapping of these things within the town limits. They would like to do a map so that zoning and other town departments will be aware of areas within the town that need to be protected. They would like to be able to apply for grant funding that would help to pay for these types of things to be done but there needs to be designation within the town plan to show that the town wishes to pursue this. Specifically, we looked at page 30-32 of the town plan to ensure that our wording supported this.

Ivan gave an update on what he learned from the legislative sessions he attended which included a presentation from the health commissioner on how town planning addresses health concerns within the town such as designating green spaces. He also talked about Act 64 and how legislature is looking at setting up funds that would be available for towns to draw from when trying to set up clean water standards. Ivan said that Bram Towbin expressed concern to him regarding issues with the Marshfield Dam. He is interested in knowing how problems with the dam, such as overflow, are being addressed. The planning commission is working on addressing these concerns with Green Mountain Power and within the town plan. Also, the Public Service Board will be regulating this since the dam needs to be updated.

Planning commission vacancy: Faeterri Silver will be leaving so there is a need for more members.

Energy Survey: there was some concern expressed about the possibility of putting alternative energy sources on historic buildings.

Zoning Updates: None

Town Plan Review:

Continued reviewing town plan and finished chapter 3. We will start chapter 4 at the next meeting.

Adjourned @ 8:40pm

Meeting ended on page 31 of the town plan.

Next meeting will be March 16th, 2017

Minutes submitted by: Robin Schunk

Approved by: